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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED AT SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Ongoing Library Civic Programs Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO –The San Diego Public Library will host a *Series of Discussions on Amendments the U.S. Constitution* on Wednesdays, from September 19 through October 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Legal scholars and experts will explore the trajectory of the nation, its expansion of rights for all, and ongoing search for democracy. Curated by constitutional law scholar Bryan Wildenthal of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, the Amendments Series is presented in conjunction with the library project, *Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution* sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities, and grouped around the following presentations.

Wednesday, September 19: ([Amendments I & II](#))

- ***The Bill of Rights: Speech, Religion, and Guns***
- Speaker: Bryan H. Wildenthal, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Wednesday, September 26: ([Amendments III-IV and IX-XII](#))

- ***The Bill of Rights: Privacy, Federalism, and the Balance of Federal and State Power***
- Speaker: Alex Kreit, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Wednesday, October 3: ([Amendments V-VIII](#))

- ***The Bill of Rights: Criminal Justice and Fair Procedures***
- Speaker: Marjorie Cohn, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Wednesday, October 17: ([Amendments XIII-XV](#))

- ***Reconstructing the Constitution: Slavery, Civil War, and Civil Rights***
- Speaker: Bryan H. Wildenthal, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Wednesday, October 24: ([Amendments XVI-XVII](#))

- ***Reforming Society, Politics and Government from the Progressive Era to the Present***
- Speaker: Miranda, McGowan, University of San Diego School of Law

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Wednesday, October 31: ([Current Proposed Amendments](#))

- ***Toward a More Perfect Union: If We Love the Constitution So Much, Why Are Americans Always Trying to Amend It?***
- Speaker: Chris Guzelian, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Searching for Democracy brings together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

Learn about the Constitution series and other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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